



## Events 2010 in Elham Valley

April	Egg rolling Elham Acrise Beating of the Bounds Elham/Denton/Wooton Parish Walk Elham Spring Show – Elham Gardening Society Maidstone Winds Band  Invicta Wind Orchestra	Duck Street Elham Starts Acrise church Starts Elham church Elham Village Hall St Mary's Church Elham  St Mary's Church Elham	Easter Sunday Rogation Sunday Rogation Sunday Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> April Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> April (7.30pm) Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> April (7.30pm)
May	Lyminge Day	Lyminge Village Hall	Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> May (1pm)
June	Animal Service Young Farmers Country Fair Elham Open Gardens Weekend	Triangle field Elham Blandred Farm Acrise Elham	Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> June Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> June Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> & Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> June
July	Barham Summer Flower Show Stelling Minnis Windmill Fete Teddy Bears Parachute Jump Elham Summer Show – Elham Gardening Society	Village Hall Barham Stelling Minnis St Mary's Church Elham Elham	Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> July Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> July Sun 11 July (11am) 31 <sup>st</sup> July
August	Acrise Flower Festival Hunt Kennels Open Day Rhodes Minnis Summer Show	St Martin's Church Kennels Elham Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> weekend Bank Hol Sunday Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> August (2.30pm)
September	Barham Autumn Flower Show The 32 <sup>nd</sup> Postling Sponsored Horse Ride 2010 National Charity Cycle Ride at churches	Village Hall Barham Page Farm Postling Various churches throughout Valley	Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday
October	Conker Bash & Hog Roast Christmas Craft Fair Ploughing match	Triangle field Elham Elham Village Hall Various farms	Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct (12pm) Last Thursday Late month
November	Bonfire Night fireworks St Nicholas Fair Illuminations of Elham Christmas Light with carol singing and mulled wine	Lyminge Lyminge Village Hall Elham Village Triangle	1 <sup>st</sup> Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Sat Sun 28 Nov (6.30pm)
December	Acrise Christmas Craft Fair Village carols Elham Village carols Acrise Boxing Day Meet	Elham Village Hall Elham church/square Acrise Place The Square Elham	1 <sup>st</sup> Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs Boxing Day

### Other Regular Events

- [Annie Begley](#) Creative and Therapeutic Sculpture & Shiatsu Workshops, Residential Workshops, Pottery Tea Parties and regular monthly workshops.



- [Canterbury Festival](#) – 16<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2010 – alongside the many literary and musical events taking place over the two-week period, a series of guided walks are held both in and around Canterbury, led by local historians, conservationists and wildlife experts.
- [Downland Cycles](#), based in Canterbury, runs twice yearly Sportive events – in spring and autumn – providing you with the opportunity to ride in the surrounding countryside, as well as a number of mechanic courses which attract many people to the area on holiday. The courses are usually followed by a few days touring the surrounding countryside.
- Church services and events are listed at [Elham Area Churches](#) (covering Anglican, Catholic and Methodist denominations in Elham, Wootton, Denton), [Barham Downs Churches](#) (Barham, Bishopsbourne, Kingston, Womenswold), the [Bridge Benefice](#) (Bridge, Bekesbourne, Patrixbourne, Lower Hardres, Nackington), [Lyminge Online](#) for St Mary and St Ethelburga, [St. Mary Stelling](#) at Stelling Minnis, [St. Peter & Paul Upper Hardres](#).
- The [Elham Farmers Market](#) takes place in the Courtyard of the Rose & Crown in Elham on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month. Look out for Annie Begley who is running pottery workshops at the Farmers' Market on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month.
- The **Etchinghill Craft and Farmers' Market** takes place in Etchinghill village hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month.
- [Elham Petanque Club](#) – holds mêlées on the Pétanque Terrain, The Triangle in Elham on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month throughout summer and autumn. These club events start at 11am and are open to everyone, of all age groups and abilities, including beginners.
- 'Beer on the farm' is the unofficial motto of the [Kent Beer Festival](#), organised by the Canterbury branch of CAMRA. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest CAMRA beer festival in England, and is held in a large barn at Merton Farm, Merton Lane (off B2068 to Hythe), Canterbury CT4 7BA. This year it takes place on 22<sup>nd</sup>–24<sup>th</sup> July 2010. You'll find beers from all ten Kent breweries as well as other British beers, real cider and a wide range of mainly bottled foreign beers.
- The [Kent Wildlife Trust](#) owns and/or manages a number of reserves in and around the Elham Valley, such as Jumping Downs, Denton Bank, Spong Wood, Park Gate Down (Hector Wilkes Reserve) and Yocketts Bank. Regular events, talks and other activities are organised by the Trust throughout the year so do keep an eye on their events diary



which is available for download on their website. Once you are on their website, click on 'Our Work'.

- [The Kentish Stour Countryside Project](#) looks after the River Stour from its source at Lenham through Canterbury and out to Pegwell Bay. The Project will lead group walks on request along both the Stour Valley Walk and Saxon Shore Way. Minimum group size – 12, £donation agreed in advance.
- Annual **Teddy Bear Parachute Jumps** take place at St Mary's Church in Elham and St Mary and St Ethelburga Church in Lyminge.
- Some of the flower shows in the Valley can be quite spectacular. For details of the wide range of horticultural events taking place visit the websites for the [Elham Gardening Society](#), the [Barham & District Horticultural Society](#) and the [Rhodes Minnis](#) village website.
- The **Lyminge Garden Safari in Lyminge and Etchinghill**, with around 15 participating gardens, is part of the Lyminge Festival. Gardens open between 10am and 4pm on both Saturday and Sunday (but not all gardens will be open on each day). A very interesting variety of gardens is guaranteed. You will find stalls, plants for sale, teas and so on in different gardens, for various charities. 'Passports' for the Safari, at a cost of £3.00 per adult (children under 16 free) will be available from each garden or Lyminge Hardware Store.
- Several gardens in the area take part in [Yellow Book Open Garden scheme](#). Details of the Elham Gardens can be found [here](#).
- The [White Cliffs Countryside Project](#) holds a great range of events and activities enabling you to see wildlife, go walking, enjoy cycling, take part in special activities for children (the Green Gang) or join with local people helping care for the local environment. Download a copy of their [Guided Walks Spring/Summer 2010](#) brochure or check their events listing on the website.
- To find out what is happening in the area, keep an eye on the following websites:
  - [Discover Folkestone, Hythe and Romney Marsh](#)
  - [Elham Village Online](#)
  - [Lyminge Online](#) – check the latest newsletter which lists all forthcoming events